In addition, Central assistance provided initially to Gujarat and Maharashtra under EAS is Rs. 485 lakhs and Rs. 570 lakhs. respectively.

Allocations for remaining years of 8th Five Year Plan would be made at the beginning of each year.

SHORTFALL IN PUBLIC SECTOR PLANS

2454. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the second consequiive year in 1993-94, the States' and Central annual public sector plans have been under funded;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted :'n 'sharp shortfall m investment in crore sec-tors like power, transport, telecon.muni cations etc ;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the shortfall in public sector plans-both central and State; and

(d) what stcps are being taken in this regard '?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TUB MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO-" GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d') Do not arise.

EFFECT OP THE STRUCTURAL AD-lUSTMENT PROGRAMME IN EM-PLOYMENT GENERATION

2455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments structural ,ad-justment programmes will seriously affect employment generation;

(b) if so, whether it has been pointed out by experts that vast employment op portunities wll! open up if key areas like agro-based industries including food pro-cessing, construction, tertiary and services are developed;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Com mission has submitted its plan to Govern ment for development of the areas to open employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan eavisages em' ployment growth of 2.6 to 2.8 per cent per annum or on an average 8 to 9 mil-lion additional employment opportunities per year. The Plan document also indicates that the on-going structural reforms

may slow down the growth rate of the economy and, therefore, of employment during initial one or - two years of the Eighth Plan. The Growth rate of the economy during 1992-93 is estimated to have been 4.2 per cent as compared to 1.2 per cent during 1991-92. With the reversal Jn the decline of the rate *ot* growth of the economy, rate of growth of employment, which was about 2 per cent during 1992-93, is likely to go up in the coming years of the Plan period

The employment strategy m the Plan already lays stress on development of agro-based and allied activities, of non-agri-icultiiral, particularly manufacturing activities. in rural areas and the small and decentralised manufacturing sector, expansion of programmes of construction of infrastructure and residential accommodation and promotion of the growth of the services and informal sector activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC REFORMS INTRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY

2456. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state what are the achievements so far of the economic reforms introduced